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TAGS: PTER, ASEC, AF, PK, UR

SUBJECT: SIX KILLED IN THREE BOMB BLASTS APRIL 16

1. (U) LOCAL PRESS REPORT THREE BOMB BLASTS APRIL 16 IN THE NWFP WHICH KILLED SIX PERSONS AND INJURED ELEVEN. THE FIRST EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN A BUSY BUS STOP AT RAJJAR, A SMALL TOWN NEAR CHARSADEA ABOUT TWELVE MILES FROM PESHAWAR. THE BOMB PROBABLY PLANTED IN A WOMEN'S WASHROOM KILLED THREE PERSONS IMMEDIATELY; TWO LATER DIED IN THE HOSPITAL. ELEVEN PERSONS WERE INJURED. ONE VICTIM LOST BOTH HIS LEGS. ALL THE VICTIMS, ACCORDING TO POLICE SOURCES, WERE PAKISTANIS.

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2. (U) PUBLIC REACTION TO THE RAJJAR BLAST WAS IMMEDIATE AND INTENSE. SOON AFTER THE BLAST, SHOPS WERE CLOSED IN RAJJAR AND CHARSADEA. LOCAL RESIDENTS TOOK OUT PROCESSIONS TO PROTEST THE EXPLOSION. SPEAKERS SEVERELY CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS FAILURE TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY. THE PROTESTORS REMOVED BANNERS WELCOMING CHIEF MINISTER ARBAB MOHAMMAD JEHANGIR KHAN, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT CHARSADEA THE NEXT DAY. THE CHIEF MINISTER'S VISIT WAS PROMPTLY CANCELLED. A GENERAL STRIKE IN CHARSADEA WAS ANNOUNCED FOR APRIL 17.

3. (U) THE SECOND EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE IN LANDI KOTAL, KHYBER TRIBAL AGENCY, IN THE HOSPITAL. A SMALL GIRL UNDER TREATMENT IN THE HOSPITAL WAS KILLED. THE HOSPITAL WAS PARTIALLY DAMAGED. THE THIRD EXPLOSION, WHICH DID NOT CAUSE ANY DAMAGE, WAS AT THE NO LONGER FUNCTIONING LANDI KOTAL RAILWAY STATION.

4. (C) OUR [ ] CONTACTS ARE WORRIED THAT SABOTAGE INCIDENTS WILL INCREASE IN THE FRONTIER IN THE COMING WEEKS.

[ ] CITES THREE REASONS FOR HIS CONCERN. FIRST, HE EXPECTS AGENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SENT BY WAD ON TERRORIST MISSIONS TO BOMB NOW AND COLLECT THEIR PAYMENTS WHILE THE REGIME IN KABUL IS STILL A FUNCTIONING ENTITY. SECOND, HE SUGGESTS THAT SOME OF THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE GROUPS UPSET BY THE GENEVA ACCORDS MIGHT SET OFF BLASTS. THIRD, THE LARGE CROWDS IN THE BAZAARS BEFORE THE EVENING BREAKING OF THE FAST DURING RAMAZAN WOULD MAKE INVITING TARGETS TO CAUSE MAXIMUM CASUALTIES AND INFLAME PUBLIC OPINION.

5. (C) [ ] ALSO EXPECTS SABOTAGE INCIDENTS TO INCREASE RATHER THAN DECLINE IN THE FRONTIER AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE GENEVA ACCORDS. HE REASONS THAT AS THE POSITION OF NAJIB GROWS WEAKER IN KABUL HIS REGIME WILL LASH OUT MORE AT PAKISTAN WITH BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE THE PAK AUTHORITIES TO STOP SUPPORT FOR THE MUJAHEDIN.

DISCUSSION

7. MINIMIZES CONSIDERED.

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